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ALONG THE VALLEY ROAD: This old barn on the Rancho Canada Golf Course property blew down during the Christmas eve storm. According to Natalie Hatton Branson, the barn was built about sixty years ago for the former Hatton Ranch. The termite-infested barn had not been used by Rancho Canada for the past two years, but it had long been a familiar landmark on the Valley Road. The swirling wind also felled about 20 trees on the golf course, along with innumerable branches.

CVPOA Endorses Proposed $80 Parcel Tax for Schools

The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association board of directors has unanimously endorsed a proposed $80 per year parcel tax to fund capital improvements in the Carmel Unified School District. The proposal will be on the ballot for a public vote at a special tax election on March 8. Passage requires approval by two-thirds of those voting in the special election.

If approved, the $80 tax will be assessed on each of the approximately 11,000 land parcels in the school district. A sunset clause will automatically discontinue the tax after four years.

Robert Infelise, CUSD superintendent, and Don Geisen, chairman of Citizens for Carmel Schools, explained the need for the parcel tax to the CVPOA board Jan. 11.

School funding has been dramatically affected by the Serrano-Priest court decision in 1976, which equalized the amount of money spent per child throughout the sate; by Proposition 13 in 1978, which limited property tax increases; by inflation; and by state-mandated programs that are not fully funded by the state.

Because of the Serrano-Priest decision, the Carmel school district cannot benefit from the higher property taxes paid by residents of this area as compared with less affluent areas of the state. Some of our property tax money goes to subsidize the poorer districts. As a result, Infelise explained, "we have to maintain a superior educational program with the same amount of money per student as every other district in the state."

Geisen noted that Carmel area schools have survived for a decade by taking the funds for maintenance and replacement and diverting them to educational programs. "But now this is catching up with us, and the parcel tax is the only way to avoid a total breakdown," he said.

The parcel tax was recommended by Citizens for Carmel Schools, a 30-member committee that examined school district needs and alternative funding sources.

The money will be used for three main programs:

- To replace school buses. Of the district's 16 buses, five are more than 20 years old and have traveled more than 400,000 miles. Some are older than some teachers.
- To remove ceiling materials that contain asbestos fibers. Asbestos was commonly used in construction materials but is now recognized as a potential health hazard.
- To maintain and repair facilities. This includes roof replacement and repair, painting, resurfacing driveways and parking areas, and replacement of heating systems.

The district has developed a Five Year School Rehabilitation Plan that details current and projected facility needs, establishes priorities and estimates costs. The ballot measure will specify purposes for which the money can be spent, and this will not include employee salaries.

In discussing the proposed tax, CVPOA director Betsy Shea said, "It's absolutely essential. Our schools reflect the quality of our community. It's degrading to go to school in a substandard facility." Discussion centered on why someone who no longer has children in school might vote for to tax themselves. There was general agreement that quality of the public school system affects property values. If continued deterioration of school facilities is permitted, this will become a less desirable place to live. Infelise also observed "that we should be willing to return the investment that others made in us."

Tunnel Through Carmel Hill Could Preserve Pine Forest

By Dick Heuer

This is the first of several articles on alternative designs for the Hatton Canyon Freeway that are being promoted by local residents, and that are NOT analyzed in Caltrans' draft environmental impact statement on the project.

The draft EIS is expected to be released by the Federal Highway Administration next month. A preliminary version is already available. Formal release of the draft EIS will trigger extensive public discussion and formal comments by federal and state environmental agencies that have expressed concern or outright opposition to the Caltrans plan.

Much of the debate will focus on whether the Caltrans plan meets the legal requirement to analyze all "feasible" alternatives and to select "the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative that meets project goals." By providing information on alternatives and the legal requirements for environmental analysis, the Sun *hopes to contribute to greater public understanding of this complex issue.*

A 1,000-foot tunnel under Carpenter St. would avoid the need to destroy the 10,000 trees in the native Monterey Pine forest on Carmel Hill. The present Caltrans plan calls for a massive cut 80 feet deep and 500 feet wide through Carmel Hill. The tunnel would be in place of this cut.

Caltrans District Director Tom Pollock has stated in public meetings and letters to concerned citizens that such a tunnel alone would cost about $30 million, as compared with present projections of $26 million for the entire freeway project.

Roger Larson, a Carmel architect and planner, vigorously disputes Pollock's estimate and has done substantial research to back up his views. He says the tunnel can be drilled for $3 million, and that Caltrans is violating the law by not analyzing this alternative in its EIS.

Environmental law might require construction of a tunnel even if it is substantially more expensive than the current Caltrans plan.

Rogers E. Johnson, a consulting engineering geologist from Santa Cruz hired by Larson to examine the area, testified before the Coastal Commission on Dec. 15 that a tunnel under Carmel Hill is appears feasible from a geotechnical viewpoint.

Larson has investigated the cost of new tunneling technology not previously used by Caltrans. He provided to Caltrans and the *Sun* a letter from a tunneling contractor, Torno-America, Inc. of San Francisco, estimating that the tunnel can be excavated for $3,116,000. According to the letter, "this is a very rough estimate since there are no drawings and it is based on a 5-minute long telephone conversation."

Caltrans' $30 million estimate is based only on a long-standing rule-of-thumb that a tunnel generally costs about 30 times as much as a normal roadbed, Pollock told the *Sun* in a telephone interview. Caltrans has not analyzed the actual cost of a tunnel at this site, and the regional Caltrans office has been unable to obtain from Sacramento information on the cost of comparable tunnels in other areas.

Pollock said, "I'm not trying to verify the $3 million drilling cost, as even $3 million doubles our cost for that portion of the road." He also noted that Larson's $3 million estimate is a best case estimate. "It assumes no cost for shoring to prevent cave-ins, no difficult rock, and no water seepage."

Pollock also observed that the $3 million is only for drilling. "It does not include the cost of building the roadway, lining the tunnel with concrete, building

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Jane Murray Joins Sun As Advertising Manager

As the new advertising manager for the *Sun*, Jane Murray brings to the job a wealth of experience in advertising sales, photography and public relations.

Together with her former husband, Jane owned and operated a weekly newspaper and job printing business in Iowa for six years. Since first coming to the Peninsula in 1985, she has worked for *Coasting, Pacific Monthly, Seaside Post* and the *Shopper*.

Her appointment is part of the *Sun's* continuing growth that permits greater specialization of duties. Dan McGrew previously functioned as advertising manager in addition to a host of other functions. Dan will continue his responsibilities as managing editor, reporter, photographer, and advertising salesman.

Another recent addition to the *Sun* is Special Projects Manager Barry Smith, a retired military officer who recently moved to the Valley. Barry is pioneering the FOCUS section concept introduced in the last issue, and he will produce newsletters for clients. He has also become the *Sun's* in-house computer guru.

The *Sun's* main personnel need now is for part-time advertising salespersons. Interested persons are invited to contact Dick Heuer at 625-2325.

Jane Murray

LETTERS

Water Management

On January 9th, the Water Management District board voted unanimously for an ordinance which enables the District to enter into a contract with Pebble Beach Company to fund the construction of a reclamation plant to reclaim water for golf course irrigation in Del Monte Forest. In return, Pebble Beach will be assured of a fixed amount of potable water to use for its proposed new development in the forest. This is bad public policy and adverse to the public interest. It completely negates the rationale for reclamation to save water.

Instead of this piecemeal approach, the District should move ahead with a district-wide reclamation plan and require all golf courses and open space areas to use reclaimed water for irrigation. There is public funding for such projects under the 1988 Clean Water Bond Act.

In public comments, the suggestion was made that a moratorium on further hook-ups be imposed until a new source of water supply is approved by the voters. Criticism was also voiced at the money being spent on adding to the bureaucracy to implement the rationing program which was viewed as temporary. An attempt to abolish the District was threatened.

Through it all, the board was singularly indifferent to its constituency. The retention of the present Chair and Vice-Chair, two highly visible representatives of commercial interest, by unanimous vote, ensures their continued influence on water policy.

Is this any way to run a water district?

Janice O'Brien

League Water Position

The League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula has a local water position which emphasizes conservation and reclamation as desirable components of a comprehensive water policy. As an early supporter of the creation of a Water Management District, we have consistently urged the board to incorporate these aspects into a long range program of water management.

Under the ordinance adopted by the board January 9th, a contract could be entered into by the District and a private development company which would guarantee the company a stipulated allocation of our potable water resource. The League favors public funding of reclamation of all golf courses required to use reclaimed water for irrigation, and any freed up potable water set aside for drought reserve. There is such public funding available. The Clean Water and Water Reclamation Bond Law of 1988 provides $30,000,000 for loans to local public agencies for reclamation projects.

To insure the success of the rationing program we encourage conservation and reclamation long term planning and commitment. The additional funds recently allocated to the "new" study of alternatives to the dam provide an opportunity for the board to incorporate these suggestions in its long range management programs.

Sondra Rees, President
League of Women Voters
Monterey Peninsula

Traffic Factors Ignored

I would like to know why our elected and appointed county officials only look at the surface aspect and not the root cause of our traffic problems on C.V. Road from Ford Road to Village Center. A secondary issue of hypocrisy is evident as well.

Recently, the berm along C.V. Road east of Ford Road was cut away to improve sight distance. The county did a study which found average vehicle speed at Ford Road to be 45 mph. There was another traffic fatality at this intersection after the berm was cut away to improve sight distance.

Now, our elected and appointed county officials have given their approval for a service center driveway only a few yards from this intersection. We are being told sight distance is legal for this driveway entrance, given the 35 mph speed limit. The real problem will not be sight distance, but excessive traffic speed.

Presently, the trucks that would use the service center and use that part of C.V. Road come from all different areas of the Village. If the service center is built, we will have all these slow-moving trucks, some pulling equipment, leaving and entering the same driveway at more or less the same time, with other traffic speeding by.

In one instance, our county officials say even though the sight distance may be legal, we have to do something (cut the berm) because of traffic accidents. In another, they say a project has legal sight distance and give it approval, ignoring the speeding and accidents. This thinking will only add to the traffic problems and accidents.

Richard Wallach

Ed. Note—*CHP spokesmen report that in the recent pedestrian/auto fatality at the Ford Road crosswalk, speed was not a primary causative factor, being listed only as an associative factor, with the victim's dark clothing, crossing out of the crosswalk, and no lighting at the intersection listed as primary factors.*

Laureles Grade

I was interested in your article about runaway trucks on Laureles Grade in your Traffic Safety column.

The problem is that people just don't know how to drive on a steep hill. I drive the Grade every day, and not a week goes by that I don't detect the acrid smell of burning brake linings.

I've watched countless people coming down the grade fanning their brakes on and off. The proper technique is to get on the brake and stay on the brake until there is a flatter stretch with ample room for the brakes to cool down.

The logic of this is that it takes oxygen for anything to burn. By keeping the brakes on lightly, it keeps air from getting to the linings. It is only when the linings get to burning that you lose the brakes entirely and have a runaway vehicle. Fanning the brakes on and off pumps air onto the linings and makes it easier for them to burn.

The main problem is the horse trailers and local delivery trucks. They are the ones I see with smoking brakes. For every accident, there are probably 200 that came close. The big rigs don't have a problem on Laureles Grade, as those truck drivers know how to drive on a steep hill.

Bud McDonald

Ed. Note: This communication was received by telephone from a reader who didn't want to take the time to write. It is sufficiently important that we have converted it to a letter for publication.

Traffic

Pursuant to your article on traffic on Carmel Valley Road: One postulation re the increase in the number of trips being made is that some of them have been caused by the closure of Crocker Bank's former facilities at Mid Valley, and the Bank of America in the Village.

David Gaber

Thank you for Donation

A tip of the hat and a big thank you to Jim Poulos' Village Market, Kent Heneks and Kathy Lambert for donating the food for the Cachagua Volunteer Fire Company's latest fundraiser. All proceeds will go toward the building of a new fire house at the Jamesburg School

Peter Parkhorst,
Volunteer Fireman

Planned Parenthood Meets Jan. 19

The Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club will host the 18th annual meeting of Planned Parenthood of Monterey County (PPMC) January 19. The meeting will include a tribute to Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood.

The public is invited, with the board and staff, to welcome PPMC's new Executive Director, Mary Rose Delgadillo, the new board members, and the 1989 officers.

Social hour is at 6 p.m., a special presentation at 6:30, and diner at 7 p.m. For reservations call 373-1709.

Hidden Valley Hosts Evening of Dances

Hidden Valley Dance Center is presenting "An Evening of Dances" Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m., with choreography by Fran Spector.

Miss Spector is the new co-director of Hidden Valley Theatre's Dance Center. Her works have been performed in Europe, New York, Guam, and Ohio.

The program will consist of two contemporary ballet pieces. Spector will present excerpts for Bach preludes and fugues, with pianist William Sorensen. "Dialogue" with music of Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" will be presented by Dance Center students.

Telephone 659-3115 for ticket information.

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Lee Jampolsky—January 30, 7 to 9 p.m. "Healing Principles in Psychology and Spirituality" and "Healing Addictive Attitudes." A psychologist in private practice specializing in addictions and recovery.
Judy Tatelbaum—FEB. 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Reception for renowned author and Gestalt therapist, with her new book *You Don't Have to Suffer—A Handbook for Moving Beyond Life's Crises*, expanding upon *The Courage to Grieve* which was hailed by Norman Vincent Peale and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross.
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Valley Economy Feeds on Tourism

By Dick Heuer

Carmel Valley's 618 hotel rooms are filled about 65 percent of the time and pump about $33 million annually into the Peninsula economy. The 10 percent transit occupancy tax (TOT) added to each Valley visitor's hotel bill funnels roughly $1.1 million per year directly into the County treasury.

To help keep this gold mine producing, the County each December allocates a bit of its TOT income to community organizations and activities concerned with tourism promotion, economic development and cultural enhancement in Monterey County. A "bit" is the right word. After Valley hotels paid in $1.1 million in TOT money to the County, Valley organizations got only $26,000 back this year.

This came in the form of an allocation of $26,000 to the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism in Carmel Valley. "We're very grateful for that amount," Peter Coakely, the owner of Valley Lodge, told the *Sun*, "because we got the biggest chunk." Indeed, the $26,000 represents a large bite out of the total of only $107,000 available for tourism promotion county-wide.

"I would hope we could get back more of what we collect."

"In principle," Coakley added, "I would hope we could get back more of what we collect—and get it back for economic development and cultural enhancement as well as tourist promotion."

Last year, the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee received an economic development grant of $10,000 from TOT funds for the pathway program in the Village. Most of the TOT income is absorbed in the County's general fund.

This is the third full year of County funding for the Valley chamber's tourism promotion program. According to outgoing chamber president Paul Brocchini, "We have tried various promotional efforts, so we now know what works. As a result, this should be our most productive year."

What works, according to Brocchini, is a finely honed advertising program in *Sunset* magazine (central edition) and *Motorland* aimed at our major market in northern California. The ads promote attractive hotel rates in the "Sunbelt of the Monterey Peninsula."

Telephone responses come to Ruth Taka on an 800 number at Crossroads Travel, where hotel bookings are made. From October 1987 to October 1988, Taka received 2003 calls in response to the chamber's advertising and converted these into bookings for 629 room nights at an average room rate of $63.92 per night.

Occupancy of Valley hotels has remained steady despite increased competition.

Although most of the callers are from northern California, Taka notes that many of them know very little about Carmel Valley. "I often have to explain the difference between Carmel and Carmel Valley," she says. Advertising is now concentrated in northern California, as that has proven more effective than the same advertising in southern California.

The Valley chamber office in the Plaza Linda building in the Village also receives about 2,500 inquiries per year. A four-color brochure and a hotel/motel and restaurant guide for Carmel Valley are mailed out in response to these inquiries by chamber executive director Ann Olivier.

In this year's $26,000 tourism promotion budget, $12,400 is allocated for advertising in *Sunset* and $5,100 for ads in *Motorland*. Maintaining the 800 number and handling the calls will cost $4,000. The budget for printing is $3,000, with $1,500 for distribution of literature.

The chamber program has been directed by a committee consisting of Coakley and Taka as well as John McCord, Carmel Valley Inn; Nick Lombardo, Rancho Canada; and last year's chamber president Paul Brocchini, Prestige Properties.

Current surveys of hotel occupancy in Carmel and Monterey show an occupancy rate of 73 percent The occupancy rate had been lower for several years as a result of overbuilding of hotels in Monterey, but occupancy is now climbing again. Similar statistics are not available for Carmel Valley, but both Coakley and McCord estimated the occupancy rate among the Valley's 13 inns and hotels at roughly 65 percent. Occupancy has always been lower in the Valley, McCord explained.

Both also believe occupancy of Valley hotels has remained steady over recent years, and they credit this, in part, to the chamber's tourism promotion program. "As the competition increased, especially with the new hotels in Monterey, we had to run faster just to stay even. We all had to increase our advertising budgets. If we hadn't done that, and without the chamber program, we would have fallen way behind," Coakley explained.

McCord observed that "most of the pre-existing hotels suffered some from the increased competition. For the Valley hotels to maintain steady occupancy was really good news."

Master Plan permits 50% increase in visitor accommodations.

While recognizing some opposition in the community to increased tourism, Coakley thinks of the"hospitality industry as the industry without a smokestack. It brings in fresh new dollars to keep our economy alive."

The Carmel Valley Master Plan permits a roughly 50 percent increase in visitor accommodations in Carmel Valley. It specifies a maximum of 175 visitor units west of Via Mallorca and 250 units (including 100 units already built at Carmel Valley Ranch) east of Via Mallorca.

The hotel units east of Via Mallorca are planned to be at Rancho Canada Golf Club. Nick Lombardo is expected to submit an application for a 175-room hotel at Rancho Canada soon.

East of Via Mallorca, no new hotel rooms are expected in the next year or two. The application for an 11-room (and eventually 22-room) country inn at White Oaks Plaza, next to the Iron Kettle, has been withdrawn but not forgotten. McCord said that Carmel Valley Inn has the potential for adding 14 rooms to its existing 46 units, but nothing is planned for the next couple years.

Robles del Rio Lodge is working on long term financial plans to upgrade the facility. Manager Glen Gurries told the *Sun* that the lodge has a use permit granted in 1957 for 47 rooms. This would permit addition of 12 rooms to the 35 already available, but Gurries said there is no plan to do so in the next year or two. The master plan favors expansion of existing hotels, motels and lodges over the development of new projects.

CVPOA Electing New Officers

Ballots were sent out last week to 1,100 members of the Carmel Valley Property Owners Association to elect a new slate of officers and seven members of the board of directors.

Officer nominees are Max Chaplin, president; Rod Mills, vice president; Betsy Shea, recording secretary; Feesie Heuer, corresponding secretary; and Ileene Crane-Franks, treasurer.

The seven board candidates running for six vacant positions are Roger W. Williams, incumbent; Patricia Bernardi, Dale Eberly, James Flippen, Jack McIlhenny, Peter Salmonsen, Allan Sandstrum, and Jim Tritten.

Dick Nimmons is retiring as president after a two year term, but will remain as a member of the board. Retiring board members are Glen Chang, Peggy Hansen, Don Higgins, Kenneth Walker and Gene Zellmer.

CVPOA's annual meeting for installation of new officers and board will be held Feb. 8 in the Fiesta Room at Hacienda Carmel. Bruce Buel, general manager of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, will be the featured speaker talking on the drought and water rationing.

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THEFTS, ATTEMPTED THEFTS, AND THEFTS PERHAPS

HACIENDA CARMEL. Resident reports his car and $100 cash stolen during the night. Suspect is Seaside man. Car later recovered by Seaside Police Department; two Seaside people arrested. Suspect later turned himself in and confessed to both crimes, and claimed that the two Seaside people who were arrested didn't know the car was stolen. Two people released. Suspect transported to County Jail for car theft and for a parole hold. 1/1.

CARMEL KNOLLS. Resident reports someone took the knobs from her car stereo during the night, possibly in preparation for taking the stereo. 1/2.

THE CROSSROADS. Monterey Mobile Security reports unsecure door at Mail Boxes, Etc. No further information. 1/2.

EL HEMMORRO. Resident reports someone stole a radio and camera from her home. No value given. 1/5.

CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL. Assistant principal reports theft of Swiss Army Knife and some cash from Boys Gym Locker Room. No value given. 1/6.

OAK DELI. Manager reports attempted break in via broken rear window. No other details. 1/6.

JIMMY'S AMERICAN PLACE. Employee reports attempted theft of beer by four white male adults. Beer recovered. Males left in a 1989 Blue Dodge Van with paper plates. 1/7.

QUAIL LODGE. Desk manager reports theft of gold chain from room at Lodge. No value given. 1/8.

ON LOVING THY NEIGHBOR

DEL MESA CARMEL. Resident reports she saw someone at Mid Valley Safeway who resembled a possible murder suspect. *(A potential Miss Marple?)* 1/3.

LA VENTANA. Resident reports she tore down a fence that her neighbor built on her property. *(So there, too!)* 1/6.

VILLAGE DR. Resident reports getting into a fight with a Carmel Valley man in front of complainant's apartment. *(Who won?)* 1/6.

VIA CICINDELA. 16-year-old juvenile reports being pushed by his 26-year-old neighbor. NO other details. 1/7.

HIDDEN HILLS RANCH. Ranch manager reports having a fight with employee he fired. Former employee escorted off property. 1/9.

HIDDEN VALLEY RD. Resident reports neighbor turned his back to her and buttoned his fly as she went by. Subject says he was out front, but knows nothing else. *(How could she see him buttoning his fly if his back was toward her? Curiouser and curiouser!)* 1/9.

VIA MARGARITA. Resident reports having an argument with her ex-boyfriend. 1/9.

ONE—OR MORE—TOO MANY!

TULARCITOS SCHOOL. Patrol observation of two adults and three juveniles drinking beer. *(Still celebrating the New Year?)* 1/2.

CARMEL RANCHO CTR. Woman arrested for driving under the influence and for hit and run. She hit the front of Jimmy's American Place. 1/3.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

CACHAGUA RD. Resident reports her daughter pushed her around at her home. *(In the old days...oh, well!)* 1/2.

JENSEN'S CAMP. Patrol observation of domestic dispute. No other details. 1/2.

FOR BETTER...OR W0RSE

VIA CONTENTA. Resident called to report a domestic dispute with her husband. 12/22.

LOS HELECHOS. Resident reports her husband struck her. Husband arrested and transported to County Jail. 12/23.

LOS HELECHOS. Resident reports hearing someone coughing and walking around downstairs. No one seen or heard when deputies arrived. *(A Halloween spook who got its dates mixed up?)* 10/21.

GOING TO THE DOGS

CV VILLAGE. Carmel Valley Red Cross reports that a Flight Road man was bitten by a Cachagua dog in front of the Running Iron. *(Hair of the dog?)* 1/1.

UPPER CIRCLE. Resident reports being awakened by neighbor's dog. Neighbor contacted. She said she would keep her puppy quiet. 1/8.

LOST, FOUND, ABANDONED

POPPY RD. Resident reports she lost a bracelet, possibly at Carmel Rancho or Monterey. No value given. *(Needle in a haystack?)* 1/3.

CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL. Patrol observation revealed numerous traffic signs in parking lot at school. Signs entered in evidence locker for storage. *(Ooooh, someone's gonna get it!)* 1/7.

VANDALISM

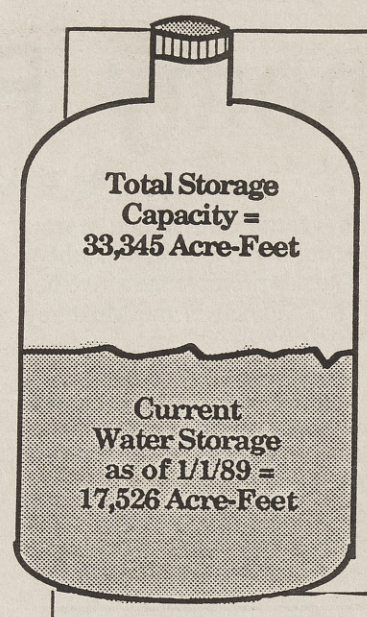
THE CROSSROADS. CV Ranch woman reports her vehicle vandalized at The Crossroads. Extent or amount of damage not given. 1/7.

SHOPLIFTING

LONG'S DRUG STORE. Marina woman arrested for shoplifting. NO details given. 1/4.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP IN THE NIGHT

E. GARZAS RD. Resident reports coming home to find some lights out that were on when she left. *(Blown fuse? Blown light bulb? Poltergeists?)* 1/7.



MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER STORAGE REPORT
As of January 11, 1989

	Total Capacity	Current Storage	%
Los Padres	1,968	1,480	75
San Clemente	131	131	100
Upper Carmel Valley	6,531	6,531	100
Lower Carmel Valley	20,015	7,029	35
Seaside Coastal	4,700	2,486	53
TOTAL	33,345 Acre-Feet	17,526 Acre-Feet	53%

As this chart shows, water storage on the Monterey Peninsula was at 53 percent of capacity as of Jan. 11. Rationing is expected to continue until winter rains completely refill the two reservoirs and three aquifers that provide the Peninsula's water supply. The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District will update this chart periodically for the duration of the drought.

MPC Sponsoring Ano Nuevo Tour

Monterey Peninsula College Community Services is organizing an elephant seal tour, Feb. 11, at Ano Nuevo State Reserve, north of Santa Cruz.

Ano Nuevo is the winter home for a large colony of northern elephant seals. The males, weighing up to three tons, begin arriving in early December and are joined by the much smaller female seals later in the month.

Tours to observe the seals are conducted December through March under the auspices of the Ano Nuevo Interpretive Association. They are conducted by docents from the association and students from UC Santa Cruz who are majoring in natural history studies. To register for the two-and-a-half hour tour, call 646-4051.

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Via Mallorca

The intersection of Via Mallorca and Carmel Valley Rd. claimed one more traffic fatality last week. An 83-year-old Carmel woman who had been visiting Hacienda Carmel pulled out in front of oncoming traffic on Carmel Valley Rd.

Sherman Comings, who lives at the nearby Via Petra intersection, wrote the *Sun* that many of the elderly drivers coming from Hacienda Carmel on Via Mallorca "do not have good perception of speed and distance of the eastbound traffic on Carmel Valley Rd. and attempt to cross in front of these cars."

That has, indeed, been the cause of too-frequent accidents at this location. It endangers not just Hacienda Carmel residents and their friends, but everyone who drives on Carmel Valley Rd.

County Public Works rejects Comings' proposed solution, a traffic signal. Comings wins our contest for this issue anyway, as he prompted a check of what has been done to reduce risks at this dangerous intersection.

Public Works and Hacienda Carmel manager Bill Piercy have consulted frequently about this intersection, and each praises the cooperation of the other. A number of measures have been taken. The County has moved the stop sign, marked a right turn land, and marked off an island.

There is a consensus that no further engineering solution is available to make the intersection safer. The problem, as Piercy puts it, is that "the drivers in our retirement community are not as acute as they should be." Hacienda Carmel has tried to offset this with education and increased awareness.

The Hacienda Carmel Weekly Bulletin has regular reminders and tips about the intersection. Rather than crossing the oncoming traffic, drivers exiting Via Mallorca are encouraged to turn right on Carmel Valley Rd., then turn left at Del Mesa and back toward the mouth of the Valley.

A notice about the intersection is posted in all rooms of the guest house. Several traffic safety classes have been held, but it is mainly the good drivers that show up for them. As a last resort, action has been taken to stop driving by some persons whose driving skills have faded too badly.

Unfortunately, these measures have proven insufficient. The *Sun* suggests that some form of peer review of driving skills among Hacienda residents is needed, with peer pressure on selected persons to stop driving because their skills are no longer adequate to the challenge.

As a first step, the Hacienda Improvement Committee might take turns observing the intersection to identify individual Hacienda residents and visitors whose performance in crossing the intersection suggests an accident waiting to happen.

As to Comings suggestion of a traffic signal, Public Works believes signals do not normally reduce accidents. "You just trade types of accidents—rear-enders for right angle collisions," traffic engineer George Divine told the *Sun*.

There are nine nationally recognized criteria for determining when a traffic signal is warranted. The Via Mallorca intersection does not even come close to meeting those criteria. There are sufficient gaps in Carmel Valley Rd. traffic to allow easy access from Via Mallorca for prudent drivers with appropriate physical and mental abilities. Moreover, there is so little traffic on Via Mallorca that drivers on Carmel Valley Rd. would seldom anticipate a red signal. That scenario is very conducive to creating rear-end collisions, according to Public Works.

Injured Supervisor Visits Office, Resumes Working from Home

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman visited her courthouse office Friday for the first time since her Dec. 10 riding accident. She went to thank her staff for their excellent work during her absence, and to discuss the arrangements that have permitted her to resume part-time work from her home.

The supervisor's office now has portable files that are sent by daily courier to and from her residence. She is reading all the incoming mail, working the telephone, and commenting by formal letter on agenda items being considered by the Board of Supervisors and other boards on which she serves. There is still a backlog of unanswered correspondence, but "we're tackling that step by step," Strasser Kauffman said.

She asked the *Sun* to emphasize that her office is functioning as normal, so constituents should not hesitate to call there. "It's just that the answers may take a bit longer, as everything gets sent by courier to and from home," she explained. She is not yet meeting personally with constituents.

Strasser Kauffman returned to the hospital briefly for out-patient surgery on Jan. 9 to drain the very large hematoma on her back. This relieved the constant, heavy pain and "freed my mind to concentrate on work," she said. She still tires easily and has "to be patient not to work too long."

The supervisor has no problem walking and is comfortable standing. Sitting is still the most difficult position because of the pressure it puts on her fractured spine. As a result, she is working from her bed.

It will be some time before she is able to sit all the way through a lengthy Board of Supervisors meeting. She expects to resume attending meetings very soon for critical agenda items. A cot will be placed in the conference room that adjoins the board chambers. She will listen to proceedings on a loud speaker, then join the other supervisors for the discussion and vote.

Strasser Kauffman chairs the county-wide committee that is developing a disaster plan for the County. She has set a meeting of that committee for early February, and said she "plans to work very hard to be able to attend that meeting, as disaster planning is one of my priorities for the year."

"Please tell everyone again how grateful I am for the many letters and good wishes that I continue to receive," Strasser Kauffman asked the *Sun*. "Every day I look forward to the mailman coming."

Designs Solicited For Sunset Center Mural

Mural designs depicting cultural arts and the Carmel area are being solicited for Sunset Center's north wall. Valley and area artists are encouraged to submit preliminary sketches for the project before Feb. 15.

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For full details, interested artists should telephone Richard Tyler, Sunset Center director, at 624-3996, weekdays, 9-5.

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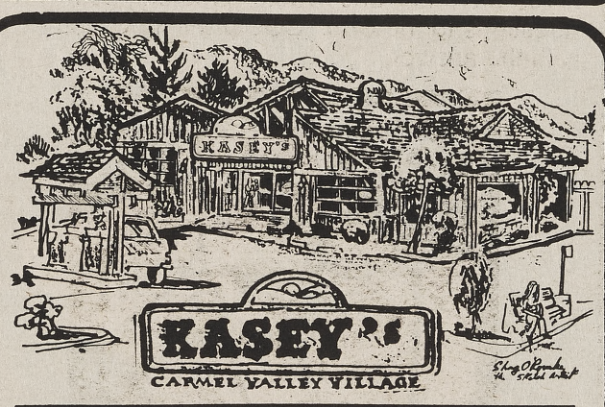

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Folsom Appears Jan. 20 at CV Library

The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library will present musician and folklorist Sean Folsom in concert Friday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Valley resident Folsom will play a variety of instruments from the Highland bagpipes to the hurdy gurdy. He has collected bagpipes from 25 countries of Western and Eastern Europe and North Africa.

The Library is located at 65 W. Carmel Valley Road in the Village. No admission. For information call 659-2377.

New Ensemble To Perform Jan 29

A unique classical music ensemble with a Moss Landing mailing address is developing for the Monterey Bay area.

The Barati Ensemble has been formed around the internationally honored Maestro George Barati, music director for the Santa Cruz County Symphony during the entire decade of the 1970's, for the Honolulu Symphony and Opera from 1950 to 1968, and guest conductor for 90 orchestras on five continents since 1955.

The ensemble was formed by 20 of the region's premiere musicians, after more than a year of discussions with Barati, as the musicians sought to recruit him as conductor and a "non-competitive format" for the ensemble was developed.

The 20-member Barati Ensemble will concentrate upon music rarely performed, with concerts scheduled to avoid conflict with other groups.

Their inaugural concert will be Jan. 29 at 3 p.m., at Resurrection Catholic Church, 7600 Soquel Drive, Aptos.

For information, telephone 728-9433.

Genealogy Seminar Is Feb. 4 in Seaside

Genealogists of all experience levels will gather for a training seminar next month with instruction for beginning genealogists, use of the LDS Church's Family History Center, an introduction to Irish, Scottish and German research and other classes.

The all-day genealogy seminar will be held on Feb. 4, starting at 8 a.m., in the Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) church, Noche Buena and Plumas, Seaside.

The event is sponsored by the DAR in conjunction with the LDS Church Family History Center. For pre-registration, call Alida Lehman at 375-1347, or Ferne Yarnell at 394-2413 before Jan. 28. Lunch is available.

Jimmy Parker, an accredited genealogist for the mid-western states, will speak at the 8:30 a.m. opening session.

Classes Offered on State's Image Change

A short course on "California's Changing Image, 1769-1980's" is being offered this month by the Gentrain Society of Monterey Peninsula College. Dr. J. S. Holliday will teach the class from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 17, 19, 24 and 26.

Dr. Holliday has been involved actively for 30 years in teaching and publishing California history. He is the author of "The World Rushed In, the California Gold Rush Experience" and has served as Executive Director of the Oakland Museum and the California Historical Society.

His course will cover how images of California—from cowhides and gold mines to Hollywood and Silicon Valley—have influenced the growth and power of the Golden State.

The class will meet in Room 102 of MPC's Social Science Building.

Day Care Students' Art Shown At C.V. Library

Esquiline Day Care children are displaying their "Winter Scenes" artwork during January at the Carmel Valley Library.

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CHOMP Announces Winter Schedule Of Classes, Luncheon and Workshops

Olympian Bruce Jenner will highlight the January 21st combined annual meetings of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation and CHOMP's Auxiliary. This event will be held at the Monterey Conference Center. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m., lunch at 12:15 p.m., and Jenner will speak at 1:15 p.m. For reservations, call 625-4555.

Following his record-setting 1976 Olympic gold medal decathalon performance, Jenner has been a sports commentator, actor, producer, author and motivational speaker/spokesperson for the American Diabetes Assn.

Wednesday morning classes at the Carmel Foundation beginning Jan. 18 will focus upon "For the Time of Your Life—Staying Well Over 50." Each two-hour class from Jan.18 through Feb. 22 will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Barbara Parker, R.N. helping students manage stress, keep physically fit, enhance their memory, and eat healthy for a fuller life. To register, telephone 625-4708.

"Man Alive!" a survival course for men who have lost their spouse, will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 17 to Feb. 21, at the Carmel Foundation. The six sessions will cover the importance of self-assessment, communication, and resource development for grieving and rebuilding after the death of a wife.

On Jan. 28 in CHOMP's main conference room, beginning at 9 a.m., a three-hour session will discuss "Childhood Asthma." The free workshop will feature Allison Omohundro, RN; Dan Ehnstrom, respiratory therapist, Dr. Ronald Branson and Dr. Alan Rosen, pediatricians, and Dr. Jeffrey Lehr, internist. Seating is limited. for information, call 625-4505.

Also on Jan. 28 is a Cocaine Workshop, 10-11:30 a.m., CHOMP Recovery Center, 576 Hartnell, Monterey. Family counselor Jack McGovern will discuss the history of cocaine use, and physical effects of the drug. No charge, open to the public. Telephone 373-0924.

Widows of all ages are invited to a six-class workshop for women who have lost their spouse, "I'll Get By With A Little Help From My Friends." The 10 a.m. to noon Thursday sessions will start Feb. 2, and continue through March 9, at the First National Bank Community Room, 601 Abrego.

Barbara Parker will deal with the practical and emotional aspects of being a widow. The class goal is to introduce widows to skills that will enable them to emerge stronger and better able to cope after the death of their husbands. To register, telephone 625-4708.

A time management course, "So Much To Do, So Little Time," will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Feb. 4 in the main conference room at CHOMP.

Shellie Stoffer will cover time management techniques for inceasing hidden creativity and increase energy. Telephone 625-4708 for information or to register.

AIDS Project Feb. 19 - 26

Monterey County AIDS Project is organizing HIV/AIDS Awareness Week 1989. Activities between Feb. 19 and 26 are designed to increase the public's understanding of AIDS issues and offer a memorial to the more than 60 Monterey County residents who have died of AIDS related diseases.

Events planned include Candlelight Memorial Marches in Salinas and Seaside, a video screening of AIDS education resources available to youth leaders, a 2-day display of the Names Project AIDS Quilt, a youth poster contest, an interfaith prayer service, a coffeehouse/poetry reading, and a meeting of the HIV/AIDS Consortium.

Stan Hadden, legislative analyst from Senator David Roberti's office, will provide updated information on AIDS legislation. For information, or to offer assistance, call 372-1771.

Whale Watching To Aid SPCA

The SPCA of Monterey County once again will benefit from whale watching tours with 50 cents to the SPCA for each paying passenger on weekend naturalist cruises now through the end of March.

On each trip, the Captain takes the passengers on an exciting adventure to observe not only the Gray Whale, but also the bountiful sea life of the beautiful Monterey Bay. Everything from rich kelp forests and delicate jellyfish to playful sea otters and pelicans can be seen as well.

The narrated cruises depart at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., from the end of Fisherman's Wharf #1 every Saturday, Sunday and Holiday.

Group rates are available for schools, organizations and conventions.

For reservations call Randy's Fishing Tours at 372-7440.

Pet Adoption Aides Sought by SPCA

The SPCA of Monterey County is looking for volunteers to do Adoption Counseling. The shelter needs volunteers who love animals and can work easily with the public.

SPCA Adoption Counselors serve both animals and people, striving to make the best match for the animals as well as the prospective adopter.

A two part orientation and training session will be Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the SPCA Education Center. The SPCA is located on Highway 68 across from Laguna Seca Recreation Area.

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William Giles: Photographer and Philosopher

By Grace Darcy

William Giles is one of the brightest stars in that rarified firmament of famous photographers who make our lives brighter and deeper by their particular perception of life. He is, however, as much a philosopher as he is a photographer although, in this warm and pleasant man, the two seem forever intertwined.

Presently, Giles is completing his new studio on Delfino Place, in the alley behind Valley Oaks Travel and Colton Realty. This narrow lane—just empty space until William Giles came along—is now bright and welcoming. He named it Callejon Paradiso (Paradise Alley), and is preparing a sign to mark it presence.

When Giles arrived here last March, he brought a fabulous background and an enviable international reputation with him.

His parents were extraordinary. His father was a physician and surgeon; his mother a concert pianist and an expert in interpreting the music of Chopin. Vladimir Horowitz was one of her pupils.

The family moved to London, then to Johannesburg, South Africa. They settled, finally, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where Giles went to school.

"I learned from my parents," Giles said. "Mother would sit me in a chair while she played the piano and tell me to 'listen to the notes between the notes.' My father once x-rayed my toys, then took me into his dark room as he developed the x-rays. When he put the film up to the light, I saw my toys in a different way. He taught me that if you really look at something, you can see through it. My parents truly were my teachers."

When he was 16, Giles fled the oppressive Peron dictatorship and returned to the United States. The civil rights protests were taking place, and Giles met Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He also met W. Eugene Smith, the well-known documentary photographer whose sensitive photographs of the civil rights struggle were an inspiration to young Giles, who began in earnest to photograph the social strife that was bursting forth around him.

He also met famed photographer Dorothea Lange, who urged him to formally study photography. He went to the Rochester (New York) Institute of Technology where he met Minor White, the mentor who, he says, influenced his work the most.

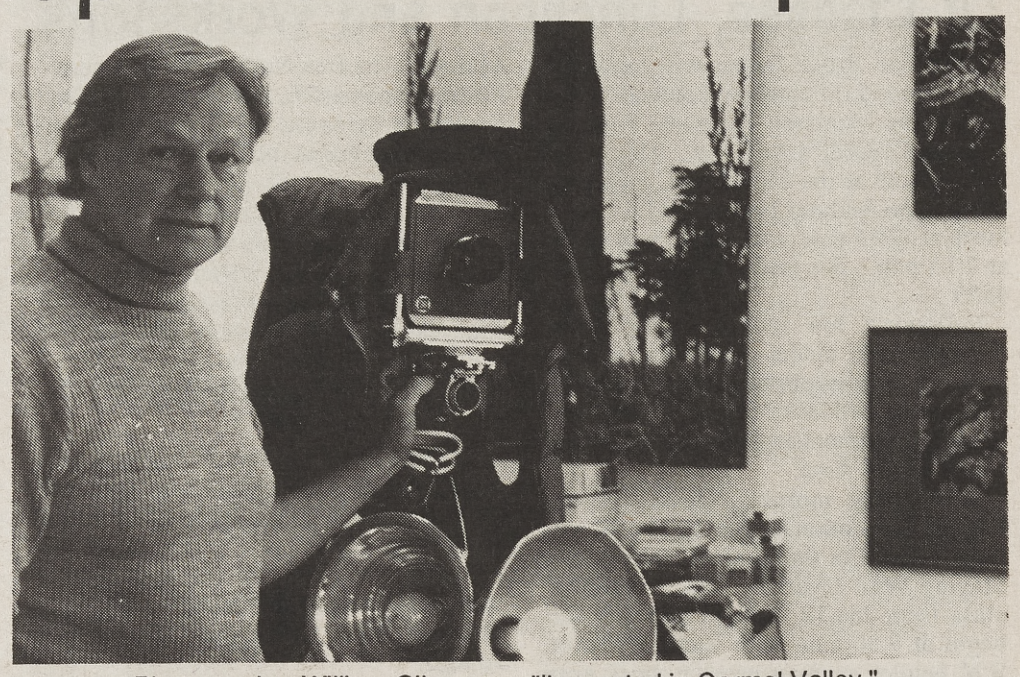
"Minor White taught me to use the camera as a conscious tool toward understanding what you're seeing," Giles said. "He opened the door to other teachings for me. It was a unique orientation toward doing the ordinary in an extraordinary way."

Giles earned his Master of Fine Arts degree at Rochester and, in 1960, he founded the University's first Department of Photography where he taught for twelve years.

"I look at objects in terms of sunlight—how they might look at sunrise all the way through the arc until sunset," William Giles said. "It's as if I put the sun in my hand, and choose the time between sunrise and sunset to take the picture.

"My mission is to bring light as a healing source," he said. "I want to use the camera as a healing device because I know the power of photography; I believe it can bring about healing."

He sees his new studio as a Center of Philosophy, "a centering place." His studio is light and airy, filled not only with some of his most profound works, but also with the pleasant aura his own warm personality radiates.



Photographer William Giles says, "I've rooted in Carmel Valley."

"I'd like to see a cultural center here," he said as he walked from his office into the sunlight of Callejon Paradiso. In his mind's eye, he creates the outdoor art show he wants to produce each month. As Sybella, one of his cats, wound herself around his leg, Giles looked across Delfino Place to the empty lot next to the Plaza Linda building and envisioned a community garden.

Giles' friend and Callejon Paradiso neighbor, Vic Colton, came by and commented that Giles is a former All-American soccer player who played on the national soccer team in Argentina and was captain of the Cornell soccer team.

"I would like to teach soccer," Giles said, "but I want to teach it here in Carmel Valley." Both Colton and Giles complimented Valley residents John Pfeiffer and Mike Jones for coaching soccer teams but, said Giles, "they practice and play at the mouth of the valley, and I'd like to see soccer played here in the Village area."

His interest in sports enhances his ability as a photographer, Giles believes. "The ultimate goal of being an artist, regardless of medium, is to become a greater human being."

He wants to use his studio as a "theatre in the round" for performances by local actors and musicians, which he would photograph. "Araby Colton is a professional script writer and has some scripts at hand," he said. "We could put something together and the people in town could star."

"That's the power of photography," he added. "Photographers have a choice of what we aim at."

Included in Giles' many plans is a book, already entitled *The Journey of Light.* When completed, it will mark "the beginning foundation for the language of photography."

He enjoys video cameras and was an Artist in Residence at National Video Industries where he worked for three years with state-of-the-art video.

"I love working with a video camera," he said. "In video, you interconnect what you hear and see and integrate them. Video really is misunderstood, and I'd like to heat up what is now a passive medium and create an active audience.

Workshops Offered

Commencing on Saturday, January 28th, and continuing on the last Saturday of each month, master photographer William Giles will offer a series of photography workshops at his studio on Delfino Place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Each workshop is $35.

People with 35 mm cameras and a desire to learn more about the art of photography are invited to participate. Color film will be used. Advanced students are asked to bring 35 mm color film with 36 frames; interemediate students, 24 frames, and beginners, 12 frames.

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Giles hopes to embark on a video venture with Araby and Vic Colton, probably on environmental and social subjects, sometime in the future.

From the sublime to what may appear ridiculous, Giles does some of his finest work with an old $10 Polaroid camera. "Jane Levy, the widow of artist and writer Julian Levy, introduced me to this camera and goaded me into doing something different with it," he said, picking up the somewhat battered Polaroid. "I used it for my entire series on New York City, and hope to use it again to capture the past and present history of Carmel Valley."

His love and admiration for his mother and his association with photographers who are women has influenced Giles.

"Women see differently from men," he said. "Photography is the only profession I know of where women are treated the same as men are professionally, and I like that."

William Giles is a profoundly complex man, a talented photographer, and a seasoned philosopher, but most of all, he is a brilliant artist. He believes artists will be the movers and changers of the world in which we live.

"We need artists who dare to stand up and say, this is my work, this is my life, this is my passion, this is my truth."

He lives through his art. "I don't really see things until I see them through my camera. It's a magical thing to see the world through a camera."

Why did this multi-talented man, this warm and giving human being who has lived and worked in places most of us only dream about, choose to live and work in Carmel Valley?

"I really feel like a starter," he said, "and this is a new chapter of my life. I'm starting from scratch...here."

If, as he says, "where there's light, there is hope," surely William Giles brings to Carmel Valley his own very special light and an abundance of unconditional hope.

Events

National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet Jan. 23, 1 p.m. at New Monterey Neighborhood Center. Speaker Everett V. Morin, NPGS, will discuss the controversial Catastrophic Health Care Plan. Current and retired Federal Employees and guests are invited.

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MONTEREY ROP ACCOUNTING; C.V.'s Frank Quilty will instruct evening computerized accounting class beginning Jan. 31 at 6:30 p.m. Classes Tues-Thurs, 6:30-9:30 p.m. No fee, nominal book cost. Tel. 649-1581, or 659-5503.

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AUCTION AND TREASURE HUNT; P.G. Museum of Natural History Assn., Feb. 10, 6 p.m. for auction. Admission. Feb. 11, 1 p.m., Treasure Hunting Sale. 165 Forest Ave., P.G. Tel-372-4212.

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MPC SPRING REGISTRATION; Jan. 21, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; Jan. 23 and 24, Lecture Forum 103 at MPC. Classes begin Jan. 30, semester ends June 2. Tel. 646-4000.

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GALA OF THE FINE ARTS; Jan. 22-30, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Mission Ranch, Carmel.
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Hatton Canyon Tunnel Proposed *Continued from Front Page*

the portals and retaining walls at the entrance, lighting, ventilation, or the additional cost of maintaining a tunnel versus a roadway."

"I still believe my $30 million estimate is closer than Larson's $3 million," Pollock concluded.

Larson, however, has done far more work to determine costs than Caltrans has. He has, for example, contacted highway contractors to obtain specific cost estimates for most of the other work referred to by Pollock. He still asserts that a full and fair comparison will show the tunnel is a cost-effective solution to a major environmental problem.

In addition to preserving the pine forest and appearance of the area, according to Larson, a tunnel would achieve cost savings by eliminating the requirement for a number of other things. These cost savings have not been analyzed by Caltrans. The tunnel would eliminate the need for:

- Two overpasses.
- The massive cut on Carmel Hill and disposal of the cut material.
- An additional stop light at the Handley Drive overpass.
- A large portion of Caltrans' $1.2 million reforestation budget.
- A large portion of the required budget for maintaining the plantings in the reforested area for five years after construction.

Larson's cost estimate is for a two-lane tunnel. He did this research as part of an alternative plan that calls for traffic to move north on a new, two-lane road through Hatton Canyon and south on old Highway 1. Caltrans' plan calls for four lanes through Hatton Canyon. For four lanes of tunnel, one would have to approximately double Larson's estimate.

Actually, the dispute over cost of tunneling may be irrelevant. The National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) say nothing about selecting the cheapest alternative. They say a great deal about selecting the "least environmentally damaging" or "environmentally preferred" alternative.

Under current laws and judicial interpretations, required environmental mitigations for major capital improvements commonly cost many millions of dollars. For a new dam on the Carmel River, for example, environmental requirements will add upwards of $20 million to the cost—if the environmental agencies permit construction of the dam at all.

In a Dec. 29, 1988 letter to the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, the California Dept. of Fish and Game called attention to Section 15126(d)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, which states as follows:

> "The discussion of alternatives shall focus on alternatives capable of eliminating any significant adverse environmental effects or reducing them to a level of insignificance, **even if these alternatives would impede to some degree the attainment of the project objectives or would be more costly.**" (Emphasis added.)

Fish and Game took the water district to task for using cost and performance criteria to select which alternatives to analyze. The district was instructed that to select the "environmentally preferred alternative, the analysis should primarily focus on eliminating or reducing [environmental] impacts and secondarily evaluate cost and [performance]."

If Caltrans were to follow these instructions, it would have to go back to the drawing boards, just as the Water Management District was required to do. It would have to consider alternatives such as the tunnel, that have less impact on the environment. These are the kinds of issues that will be raised by state and federal environmental agencies once Caltrans' EIS is released.

Asked about the NEPA and CEQA requirements, Pollock told the *Sun*, "We are willing to do whatever is reasonable, but we don't have enough resources to chase every idea that comes along. There is a plethora of ideas and objections, but most of them come from people who are just trying to block the project."

The sooner Caltrans does analyze "reasonable" alternatives that alleviate serious environmental concerns, the sooner there will be some resolution of the urgent traffic problems at the mouth of Carmel Valley.

Events

"NEW WAY OF EATING;" Six-week program to help improve health with low-fat, low-cholesterol diets, designed to lower blood cholesterol. No classes, lessons by mail. $30 fee. Register by Jan. 20. S. V. Memorial Hospital health promotion department. Tel.-424-7908.

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ADULT LITERACY TUTORS; Free training workshop for prospective volunteer tutors, Jan. 21, 10 a.m., Seaside Library. For registration, telephone 1-800-446-8789.

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OPERA PROGRAM; Friends of Hidden Valley, Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m. at Hidden Valley. Soprano Elizabeth Hynes-Hartman, principal singer with NYC Opera, and Christopher Hartman, performing from *La Boheme, Magic Flute* and *Don Giovanni.* Champagne reception following concert. For reservations, telephone 659-3115.

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SUPER-BOWL SHINDIG; Meals on Wheels sponsoring "Mini-Bowl" Jan. 22, 12:30 p.m., 'til the 49'ers win. Giant screen TVs, half-time show in 3-D. Cheerleaders, bands, popcorn, peanuts, food, door prizes and Bring your own signs. Tickets from Coast/Monterey Savings. Tel. 646-0333 or 375-4454.

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AGENCY ON AGING; Annual meeting, Jan. 19, 4 p.m., Sherwood Center, 940 N. Main, Salinas.

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CHANGING CLIMATE PATTERNS; Dr. Richard Robinson, MPC Biologist, in two Feb. lectures sponsored by Gentrain Society and League of Women Voters. Feb. 21,—"Warming the Earth—The Greenhouse Effect." Feb. 23—"Causes and effects of ozone depletion." He will also discuss scientific and political actions offering a measure of control for changes.

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BUCKET DANCE; Garth Fagan—Jan. 29, 8 p.m., Sunset Center. Tel. 624-3996.

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OUTREACH PRESENTS Jack Wickham, meteorologist-oceanographer, on "Global Environmental Problems," discussing local contributions to mitigate these disasters. Wed., Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m., M.P. Unitarian Church, 490 Aguajito Road.

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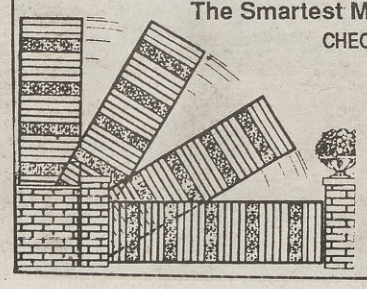
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Valley People

By Grace Darcy

The CARMEL VALLEY COMMUNITY CHAPEL has started a "Tosh Fund" to help BARBARA and STEVE TOSH get on their feet after BARBARA'S disastrous automobile accident just before Christmas. BARBARA suffered a broken leg, cracked ribs, and some bruises, and although she's recovering nicely, she is unable to return to work for the time being. BARBARA and STEVE, as most Carmel Valleyites know, are musicians...STEVE is a pianist, organist, composer, arranger, and teacher; BARBARA is a talented clarinetist. STEVE is the Music Director for the Chapel, and also has played at weddings and other special events in the Valley. Unfortunately, on top of BARBARA's accident, STEVE developed a painful back condition that has taken him out of action, too.

Those who want to help may send a check, payable to the CVCC and marked for the Tosh fund, to the Chapel. ANNETTE PELLETT, the friendly Office Manager at CVCC, tells us that BARBARA and STEVE are searching for a house sitting job or a small apartment or guest house...without stairs...If you have a place, or if you can give STEVE or BARBARA a ride to the store/doctor since they are without transportation temporarily, give ANNETTE a call at 659-2278.

Now for some good news! By the time you read this, VELVALI and REG HUSTON will be back in Carmel Valley, along with son, JESSE. REG is the new Public Relations and Development Director for Youth Music Monterey. VEL will teach voice lessons at home and also will do alterations, all the while caring for five month old JESSE.

Welcome home, VELVALI, REG, and JESSE HUSTON!

Happy January birthdays to the following wonderful people...STEVE TOSH (Jan. 2), GRAHAM MATTHEWS, SR. (Jan 5.), ANNE MARIE WERDELMAN, LARRY SCHOLINK, and PAT CUMISKEY (Jan. 9), KAREN BREEDLOVE (Jan. 13), VELVALI HUSTON (Jan. 14), GEOFFREY LEE (Jan 23), JACK ADDISON (Jan. 15), ANGEL CABRAL (Jan. 28), and SHANNON DAVEY (Jan. 29).

Carmel Valley lost another long-time friend when JOHN TOBIAS died of cancer recently. JOHN's years of service to the community via several positions he held with the Carmel Valley Chamber of Commerce will long be remembered. Good bye, JOHN; We'll miss you!

Now that the hectic holidays are over for another year, it's time to thank all of the nice people at the Carmel Valley Post Office who helped move our parcels and cards along to their destinations...Many thanks to (alphabetically) RAY LINDSAY, DICK NEWCOM, CECELIA PERALES, SUE PRUNER, BUD SINKLER, and TONIA WILLIAMS, all inside the Post Office; to Carriers TOM AUGUSTITUS, ROBERT HAASE, DANE LOBB, FRED NOGO, and RHONDA ROBERTS; to Maintenance, A.D. EVANS. Last...but far from least...our deepest appreciation to Postmaster TERRY WILLIAMS who gives so much time and effort to keep our local Post Office the friendly, helpful place it is!

BEE EPSTEIN ASSOCIATES, consultants to management, owned and operated by Carmel Valley's BEE EPSTEIN, Ph.D., is sponsoring a two-day seminar at the Doubletree Hotel on January 20 and 21. The seminar will feature retired business woman SONDRA CASEY REES and is entitled, "How You Can Start, Build, Manage, or Turnabout Any Business." REES has a background in retailing and manufacturing as well as in buying and merchandising and, for the past year, has been a BEE EPSTEIN senior associate. You may still have time to call BEE EPSTEIN (625-3188) to make your reservation.

We've had several calls from residents living in the El Caminito area concerning the recent "buckshot" shooting of a white short haired shepherd, a friendly dog who apparently trespassed over someone's property while on the way to visit a canine friend. The dog came home filled with buckshot...and pain...and was treated by a local veterinarian, where his life hung in the balance for several days. Buckshot wounds can be fatal, particularly if the pellets enter the body's soft tissues, so "buckshotting" an animal should be considered tantamount to intending to kill the animal. In any event, shooting or harming an animal in any way is against the law and comes under the heading of cruelty to animals. If you know, or hear of any incidents, please call the *Sun*.

Sadly, similar incidents have happened in other parts of Carmel Valley, and people who own and/or like animals are rightfully disturbed.

On the road to recovery is GALE BARISH, who was seriously ill, but who now looks wonderful and feels well enough to be taking walks as often as the weather permits...and RITA SEGER, who has made a remarkable recovery from back surgery to the degree that she, too, takes long walks accompanied by a Jane Fonda exercise tape!

Carmel Valley people really care about one another, and often learn what is happening in the community through the *Sun*. If there is a birthday, anniversary, promotion, appointment, or other important event in your life, please share it with your neighbors through this column. Send your information to the *Sun*, Box 931, Carmel Valley.

Until next time...

Spring Sign Up Starts For Monterey Recreation

Spring recreation activities have been set by Monterey's Recreation and Community Services Department. Selections range from arts and crafts through cooking, dance, gymnastics, music and drama, after school playground programs, tot classes and sports activities.

Adults and seniors will also find program offerings with classes larger in scope and in tune with the season. Classes are scheduled to begin Jan. 30. Monterey residents' registration began Jan. 17. Non-resident registration begins Jan. 23.

Copies of the Spring Activities Guide are available at 546 Dutra St., or at Monterey recreation facilities. For information, call 646-3866.

New Babies

Anthony Michael, son, born to **Timothy J.** and **Terry E. Thompson,** Dec. 19.

Natalie Patricia, daughter, born to **Scot Horrobin** and **Kim Schenk,** Dec. 28.

Cyrus Grigory, son, born to **Randall C. Pura** and **Odette Grigory-Pura,** Dec. 28.

Kaitlyn Lee, daughter, born to **Kevin** and **Michele Azevedo,** Dec. 29.

Guston Charles, son, born to **Norman** and **Meg Schultz,** Dec. 26.

James Oliver, son, born to **Wayne** and **Cindie Watts,** Dec. 30.

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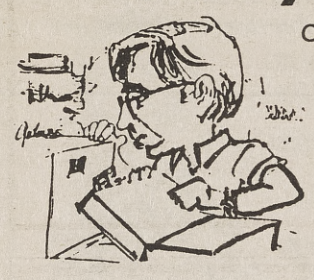
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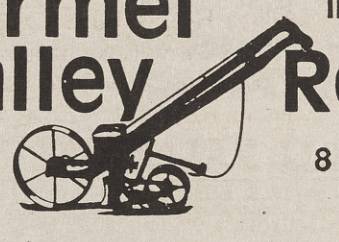
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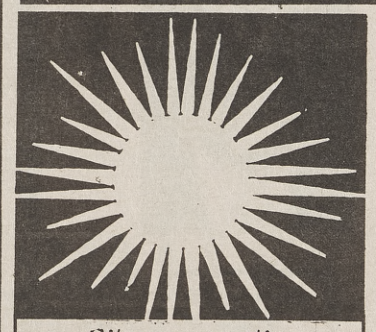
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Native Plants For Your Garden

By Marjorie Schmidt

The Genus *Arctostaphylos* is well represented in California, with 43 species and many varieties here. Manzanitas, as they are commonly called, are easily recognized by their smooth reddish bark and their characteristic gnarled branching form. Their diversity in form—from ground-hugging mats to elegant, tree-like shrubs—and variation in leaf shape. size and color give endless possibilities to the use of manzanitas in the garden.

Species of manzanita are found from coastal bluffs and dunes to mixed forests of mountains as high as 9000 ft. But they are most abundant in chaparral and foothill regions where they are often massed in single concentration.

Manzanitas generally flower early—from mid-winter to mid-spring—producing clusters of urn-shaped flowers ranging from the usual white or light pink to deeper pink or rose. Berries are well colored by late summer, typically shades of reddish brown, russet, or bright red. The name manzanita is a Spanish word meaning "little apple", referring to the small, round fruits.

Care in the garden. Common features of manzanita habitat in the wild are lean, well-drained soil with little or no summer water. Too much water can encourage root disease in manzanitas, and fertilizing can produce leggy growth. Pruning can be used to highlight the striking growth form of the taller species.

Propagation. Propagation from cuttings is the easiest method and gives the highest number of new plants. Cuttings about four inches long should be taken from the current year's growth. Dip their ends in a rooting compound. Have ready a deep container filled with equal parts of coarse sand and peat moss. Water it thoroughly, allow it to drain and then insert the cuttings. Cover the container with screen and put where there is plenty of indirect light. The rooting medium should always be moist. Dryness, even tor a short period, is apt to kill the newly-forming roots. When cuttings have formed a root mass transfer to 4-inch pots, or to gallon cans.

Nearly all manzanitas can be grown from seed, although it is a longer process than with cuttings. Separate the hard, bony seeds from the mealy pulp. Next, cold stratify by placing the seed in a plastic bag containing damp sand or peat moss, date and seal the bag, place in the refrigerator and await germination.

Another method to induce germination is to burn a thick (3-4") layer of pine needles over a flat after planting the seed. Water thoroughly and set the flat aside, in cold frame, or shelter, to await the often erratic germination.

Selection. Today there is a wide assortment of manzanitas from which to choose. The native bearberry *(Arctostaphylos uva-ursi)* forms a lovely prostrate mat, as does the bright green, spreading cultivar *Arctostaphylos* 'Emerald Carpet'. Among medium-sized shrubs, the native *A. pajaroensis* features interesting dark red bark and large pink flowers; the cultivar *A.* 'Howard McMinn' takes pruning quite well and is good for use in hedging and borders. Among the tree-like forms are two handsome cultivars. *A.* 'Sentinel' *and A.* ' Dr. Hurd'.

In recent years there has been great activity in selecting for cultivation natural hybrids which are freely produced where there is overlapping of the species. Selections are chosen based on superior qualities and adaptability to garden culture. After a period of observation, they are named and introduced to the public. Hybrids are noted for their vigor, and gardeners can expect them to give a good performance. Many of the recently introduced forms are ground cover types, each dependable and with some outstanding feature.

Availability. A good selection of manzanitas, especially the hybrid forms, can be found at most nurseries, since the variety of manzanita forms and tolerance of summer drought make them outstanding landscape plants. You can order a wide selection through a nursery specializing in native plants, and your local California Native Plant Society native plant sales can provide you with some of the more unusual species.

Marjorie Schmidt is a native plant gardener who has written a book entitled Growing California Native Plants *(University of California Press). For a reprint of this article, information on sources of native plant materials, or membership in the California Native Plant Society, write to CNPS, 909 12th St., Sacramento, CA 95814; telephone (916) 447-CNPS. For local information, call 659-2528.*

What's Blooming?

By Marilyn Raynes

This little patch of Rosemary grows untended at the roadside east of Stonepine. It is out in the open and receives maximum hours of sunshine but no other care. In contrast, I saw the same species in the garden at the Barnyard last week, in semi-shade, carefully tended and pruned in the style of a bonsai tree about 2 1/2 feet tall. A very versatile plant! It is evergreen, with narrow aromatic leaves that are glossy dark green above and grayish-white underneath. The flowers are light lavender-blue, 1/2 inch wide and grow in small clusters. The leaves are widely used as a seasoning and a sprig makes a wonderful basting brush for outdoor barbecues.

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Included in the expanded operation will be general postal services (including packaging and wrapping, complete with full materials availability), mail box rentals and FAX—along with currently-offered secretarial, word-processing, copier, bookkeeping and related services.

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Cal Jepson, General Manager of the Carmel Valley Ranch Resort is replacing Paul Brocchini as president. Festivities start with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by dancing to the music of popular jazz pianist Bob Phillips and his quartet.

Other officers for 1989 are Dr. Steve Austin, dentist, 1st vice president; Vivian Miller, manager of First Interstate Bank, 2nd vice president; Howard Fosler, All State Insurance, secretary; and Norma Wright, manager of Monterey County Bank, treasurer.

Directors for the new year are Dan Carlin, consultant with San Francisco Federal Savings and Loan; Glen Gurries, Robles del Rio Lodge; Robert Infelise, Superintendent of Carmel Unified School District; Pete Jones, owner, Mid Valley Movies; Nick Lombardo, President of Rancho Canada Golf Club; John McCord, General Manager of Carmel Valley Inn; Jim Romain, Safeco Title Insurance Co.; Ruth Taka, Crossroads Travel; and Melissa Taylor, Branch Manager of Wells Fargo Bank.

The annual Good Egg Awards will also be presented to one or more persons who have given of themselves to perform outstanding service to the community.

Cost for the evening of good food and good times is $26. For reservations, call Ann Olivier at the chamber office, 659-4000.

Emergency Crews Require Access Through Automatic Security Gates

By John Radon
Carmel Valley Fire Protection District

Many Valley and area residents, for reasons of privacy and security, are installing security gates on their driveways.

If you have one of these gates, please notify your local fire department, and provide the combination or needed information for opening the gate. This will assure them easy access to your property in the event of an emergency.

These gates should also have a manual override in case of a power outage, and this information should be passed on to the fire department. In short, be sure the security that you have paid for is not resulting in unnecessary endangerment to property and life.

Another access problem, particularly in the Valley, is low overhanging tree limbs over driveways. According to the fire code, there should be a vertical clearance of 13 feet, six inches. If you have any concerns about easy access to your home by emergency vehicles, call your fire department and ask to have the fire inspector come by and check the premises.

Quail Meadows Subdivision Before Planning Commission

The proposed Quail Meadows subdivision will finally have its first hearing before the County Planning Commission on Jan. 25 at 3.05 p.m. The plan for 56 single-family homes, a conference center and nine "inclusionary" housing units has been in the works for 10 years, but was long delayed by litigation over the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

The developer is Ed Haber, representing Green Meadows, Inc., which owns Quail Lodge and Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club. It is located on a 616 acre site often referred to as Porter's Bowl, just to the west of the existing golf course development.

The project was reviewed extensively by a citizens' Subdivision Evaluation Committee. The master plan sets a quota for the number of new residential lots that can be approved each year. The citizens committee was set up under the master plan to "score" proposed residential developments according to master plan criteria, and thereby help the supervisors determine which proposals to approve.

Quail Meadows was the first project to come before the Subdivision Evaluation Committee. Committee chair Jerry Foote informed the *Sun* that the project scored "very well." "We toured the property and saw exactly, lot by lot, how they plan to develop it. It got a good citizen's review," Foote said.

The approval process for this type project is especially long and complicated. The action before the Planning Commission Jan. 25 will be a public hearing to consider a preliminary project review map for the subdivision. It then goes to the Board of Supervisors, about mid-February, to confirm the score assigned by the Subdivision Evaluation Committee.

It will come back to the supervisors for an allocation hearing. This hearing determines how many lots out of the master plan quota will be allocated to this subdivision and over what period of time. After these preliminary approvals, further design work will be done so that the project can come back to the Planning Commission for approval of a tentative subdivision map.

About half the 616 acre site will be dedicated to open space, much of it donated to the Big Sur Land Trust. The developer will pay to relocate the intersection of Rancho San Carlos Rd. and Carmel Valley Rd., where there have been many accidents. The intersection will be moved about 200 feet to the east, so that cars approaching Carmel Valley Rd. will have better visibility.

Haber expects the residential area to develop slowly, as many lots in a development like this are bought for later retirement rather than for immediate use. The seminar center will be operated in conjunction with Quail Lodge. The nine inclusionary housing units are low and moderate income housing required by the County. The units will be reserved for employees of Green Meadows, Inc., thereby reducing commuting on Carmel Valley Rd.

Foster Parents Needed

Continue the Holiday spirit. Become a foster parent for a child or sibling group. Homes for high risk infants, teenagers, and minority children are especially needed by the Children's Services of the Monterey County Department of Social Services. Licensing orientations are on January 24, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Children's Services, 1352 Natividad Road, Salinas. Call 899-8001 or 755-4660 for further information.

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Real Estate Report

Taxes and Rental Properties

By Rita Base Winn, Realtor Associate
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Owning residential rental property is a business. As such, there are a whole series of tax laws and rules that combine to make your life more complicated than you would like. Along with the rules, however, come many benefits that would not otherwise be possible.

The rental property produces income that must be reported. More importantly, though, there are many deductions that are allowed. You are allowed to deduct from the rental income you receive all operating expenses that you incur in running the business. Only the net profit is combined with your other income for tax purposes.

Remember that the rental activities are subject to the "new" passive loss rule. If you, as owner, are actively involved in managing the rental business, you are allowed to deduct up to $25,000 in net rental losses. (This is not allowed if your adjusted gross income is over $100,000.)

Deductible rental expenses include not only advertising but cleaning, gardening, repairs, automobile expenses, utility bills, etc. These expenses are all deductible in the year that they were incurred. Expenses such as remodeling must be depreciated.

When figuring depreciation of rental property, you have to remember that you are not allowed to depreciate the entire cost of the property. Because the land cannot be used up, it is considered to last forever and cannot be depreciated. Only that portion of the property value that represents improvements on the land is allowed for depreciation. This is usually broken down on the tax bills as land value and improvement value.

The tax law allowing depreciation for your rental investment can really be considered a type of reward for investing. I say this because you are allowed to depreciate your rental over a period of 27 1/2 years even though the property may be *increasing* in value.

Depreciation is defined as the property's decline in value due to age, wear and tear, obsolescence, etc. This deduction is unrelated to what the fair market value of the property may be. Of course, what the law gives, it can take away.

Depreciation rules are one of the areas that were hit by the Tax Reform Act. We won't even discuss the old accelerated cost recovery system which allowed houses to be depreciated faster. Under today's tax laws, a residential rental property is defined as having a useful life of 27 1/2 years, and it can be depreciated over that time.

Newly purchased rental property is depreciated by what is called the straight-line method. This means the cost of the building must be spread equally over the entire 27 1/2 years.

Be sure to talk with your accountant about these changes in laws, as there are many different variations depending upon when you bought the property and whether it is low-income housing or commercial property.

Before you get too excited about the great depreciation give-away, remember that you will eventually have to pay the taxes on the greater capital gain. If, for example, you bought a house for $150,000, of which $100,000 is the improvement value, you will have a yearly depreciation of $3636. At the end of 27 1/2 years, the building will be completely depreciated. When selling the property, you would then pay taxes on everything you realize over the $50,000 of the original land cost which was not depreciated.

We have one more gift that the IRS has given us. If we sell the property, we pay the tax. If we involve the property in a tax-free exchange, however, we are temporarily excused from paying the tax. The taxes must be paid eventually, but they are postponed until the property you have just acquired in exchange is sold at some time in the future.

There are very strict criteria that must be met in order to take part in a tax-free exchange. For a property sale to qualify as a tax-free exchange, one must complete the purchase of another property "of like kind" within 180 days and follow some very specific procedures.

The most recent tax changes encourage "sellers" of investment property to use this complex exchange procedure. This is one area where you must be exacting in following the rules set by the courts, or you will end up paying taxes on your gains earlier than you had intended. The advice of an attorney is recommended.

The tax laws were intended to be simplified, but they have become so complex that I could not even attempt to clarify, explain or even understand all of the changes made and how they might affect each individual. The best advice is to be aware that the laws which may have been in effect at the time you bought your property, and which you may have used last year, were changed or modified in 1987 for the 1988 tax year.

Talk to your accountant early, and start planning now how to best take advantage of the tax benefits which are available for 1989.

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This table is a representative sampling of local mortgage loan interest rates for owner-occupied residences. Many other lenders offer similar loans.

Rates were in effect on the Monday prior to publication. Rates are subject to change. There is no guarantee of loan availability with any particular lender.

Interest rate and points are not the only factors to consider when comparing mortgage terms. You may also wish to determine maximum loan amount, minimum percentage down payment, processing time and fees.

Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) have rates that change according to the cost of money in the money market. The ARM rate cited here is the "going in" rate designed to attract buyers who otherwise might not qualify. To compare ARMs, you will need to determine the time of the first adjustment, frequency of subsequent adjustments, maximum annual increase, maximum allowable rate, the money market index used as basis for the adjustment, and the "spread" between this index and the adjusted interest rate.

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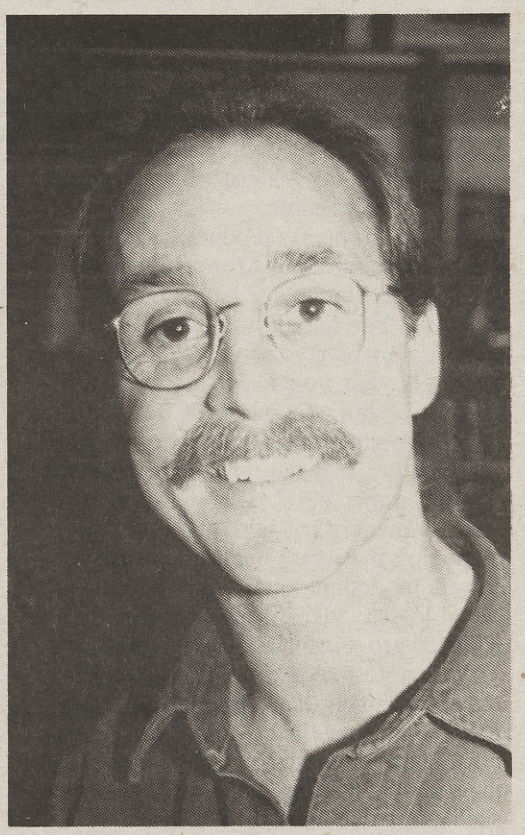
Made Your New Year's Resolutions Yet?

CRESSANDRA COBB,
Teacher and Musician
Yes. I resolve to weed out my belongings and to work for inner and outer peace, for we are but candles that shine with the sun.

LEONARD EPSTEIN,
Retired Teacher
I live my life in such a way that I'm doing what I want to do all of the time. If you take care of problems when they're small, you don't have to make resolutions because problems don't develop. I change as I go along.

RITA SEGER,
Interior Designer, Author
For the 29th time, I resolve to lose weight. This time, I really mean it. Let's see, what day is this? Friday? Oh, yeah, I'm going to begin on Monday!



PETE JONES,
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I've resolved to eat less popcorn and watch more videos this year.

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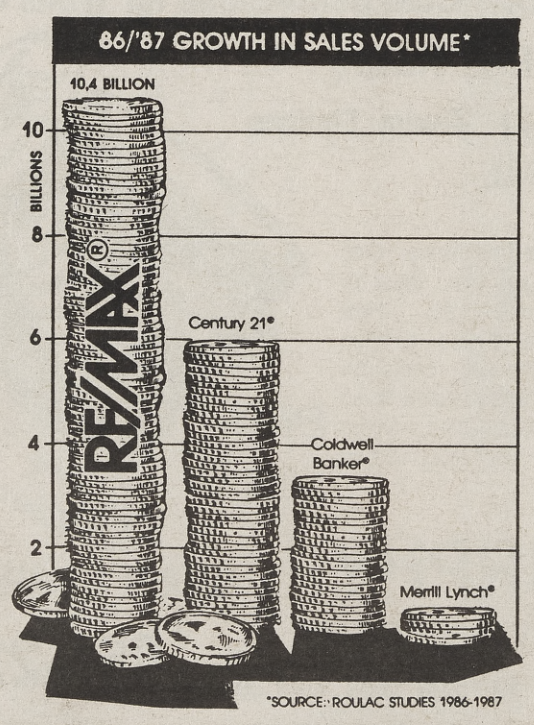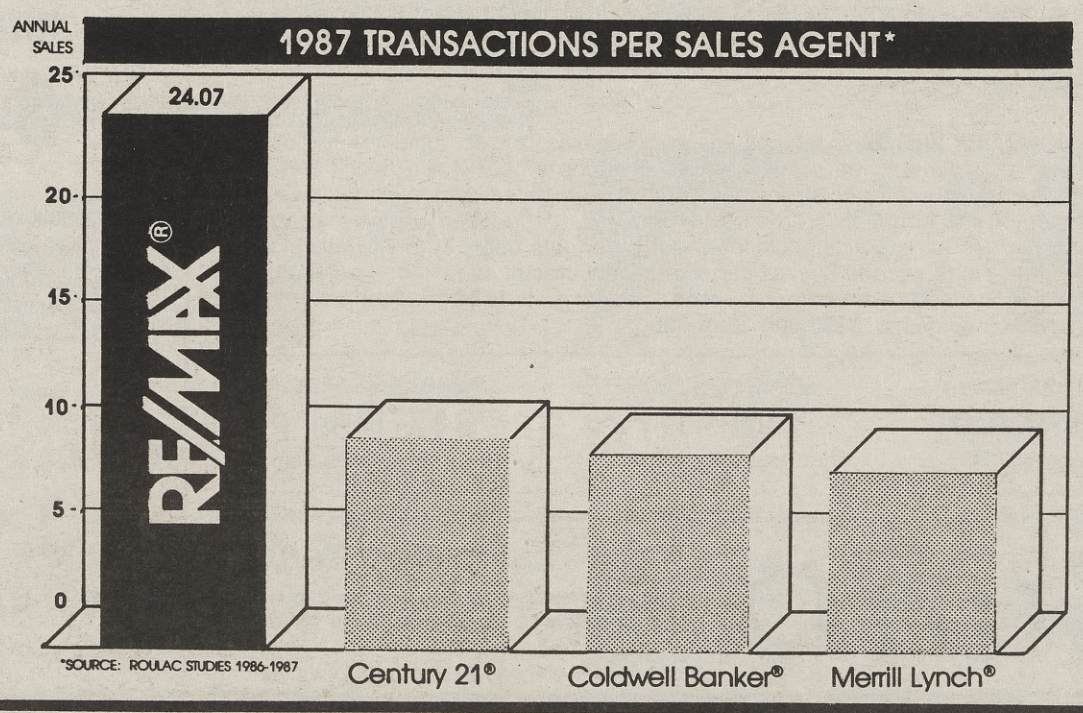
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